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SABBATH SERVICES

Sabbath School.....	9:30 A. M.
Church Services.....	10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E.	6:45 P. M.
Junior Y. P. S. C. E.	2:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday	7:30 P. M.

ONCERS.

Are you a oncer? Do you know what is meant by a oncer? The church is full of them these days. It is a new name for some church members. The oncers are the people who get to the church services but once a day. You should have been at Winona and heard them tell about the oncers. Some men have made a study of these people and have made a pretty accurate diagnosis of their ailments. There is evidently something wrong with a man if he can only get out to one church service a day, but can go to the ball game in the afternoon, to the theater in the evening, or can go Sunday visiting, afternoon and evening, or go on some business errands. Surely there is something wrong with these oncers, more than sickness or physical disability. There must be some heart indisposition. Come, brother and sister, find out what is wrong. The Lord knows, ask Him about it. Do not put the blame on the hot weather, on the church, or on the church service. It may be that your heart

is not right. The church needs your presence at every service, and you surely need the help of the service. Find out what is wrong, and then go about it in a sincere and honest way, and get right with God and give your influence and whole life to the service of the Lord.

Edwin Weiler on Lake Ave. is quite ill with an attack of typhoid fever. The latest reports are that he is getting along all right.

Mrs. F. D. Paulus is visiting friends in Hinton, Iowa. She wished to be remembered to her many friends in Grace Church.

Section No. 4 of the Woman's Aid Society will give a chicken pie supper on Thursday evening, Nov. 5th. Everybody is coming to this supper.

Miss Lillie Moore has been quite ill again. She will be glad to see any of the members of the church. They reside on Organ Avenue, just a short distance from South Wayne Avenue.

Recent baptisms—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Diedrick, 52 Combs Ave., their twin daughters, Esther May and Edith Marie, born Aug. 12, 1908; at the church on Rally Day, Oct. 4th, Edith Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fosler, born Sept. 6th, 1908; Ruth Elizabeth and Frank William, children of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. King.

A LETTER RECENTLY SENT TO THE MEMBERS OF GRACE CHURCH.

Enclosed find also pledge card for your subscription toward the liquidation of the debt on the church, and the beginning of an organ fund. The consistory hopes that fully \$5,000.00 will be pledged. Of this amount we need \$3,900.00 for the payment of the debt on the church. A number of subscriptions have already been received, and the outlook so far is most encouraging. If the whole membership will give as liberally as those who have already given their pledges, there will be no difficulty in raising \$5,000.00 or even more. The amounts already pledged range from \$30.00 to \$150.00. We ought to have quite a number more of \$100.00 and \$150.00 pledges. The pledges are payable in three annual installments. This gives you plenty of time in which to pay. Think the matter over, pray it over. Ask the Lord what you should give.

If there is anything in connection with these pledges that you do not understand, or any information that you may wish before filling out your card feel perfectly free to speak to the pastor about it, and he will endeavor to explain things to you. If you want to know what others have been giving he can tell you. It will be scarcely possible for the pastor or consistory to make a house to house canvass to secure the pledges. Won't you just fill out your card? Make the amount the very best you can and hand it to the pastor.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Since the last issue of the Visitor in July, the pastor and his wife have been out of the city a good part of the time on vacation trips, though we missed only one of our appointments during the whole summer. In the early part of August, together with Rev. and Mrs. Diefenbach

from Bluffton, we had a delightful outing at Rome City, for nearly two weeks. We had a cottage, did our own house-keeping, did as we pleased, rested, read, fished, came and went as it suited us, had a splendid time. Rome City is an ideal place for an outing, and the fishing was excellent. We all became experts at the craft, and some of us learned to boat and swim. We were home for the Orphans' Home anniversary August 13. This is always a great day for the Fort Wayne churches. The attendance this year was exceptionally large, and the women of Grace Church did thriving business at their stand, and had a good time. The Bible conference at Winona began on Sunday, August 16th, but we were detained at home over the Sabbath on account of a wedding on Saturday evening the 15th and a funeral on Sabbath afternoon the 16th. We went to Winona on Monday at noon. We always feel that we cannot afford to miss this great gathering of preachers and Christian workers. It is a great school of methods in church work, and of Bible interpretation and theology. It is educational, uplifting and inspirational to the busy preacher, and equally so to the lay member. About one hundred of our Reformed pastors and lay members were in attendance at the conference this year. Next year Grace church ought to send fully that many to the conference. One of the happy incidents of this year's conference was the presence of the pastors, brother Rev. R. C. Zartman, from Philadelphia, and his wife and daughter Josephine. The meeting of so many of our friends and acquaintances is always one of the happy features of the Winona conference. The conference this year was in every way one of the best ever held at Winona. After our return from Winona we spent the greater part of a week at Canton, Ohio with Mrs. Zartman's father, who is now again enjoying the very best of health. We hope to see him

at Fort Wayne again in a few months. Now that the vacation and summer months are past, and the people are at home again, we must get down to earnest and aggressive church work. There is great need of the rallying of the church forces. The autumn months are here, with splendid opportunities for work; let us buckle on the whole armor of God and get into the heat of the battle. The summer months always bring about a slump in church work and activity, a degeneration in the spiritual life of so many, a backsliding in some, and even a falling away from grace in others. Get right with God and get in line for work. Let us get busy in the Lord's work. Get into your place in the church service, in the Sunday School, prayer meeting, Young People's Society, Missionary Society, and to whatever service the Lord may call you be quick to respond.

The chicken pie supper Thursday evening, Nov. 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Close spent a recent Sunday at Huntington with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Close.

Mrs. Gumper, Ruth and Dorothy, spent Sunday, Oct. 4th, at Covington, Ky., with Dr. and Mrs. Schaaf.

Miss Libbie Felker was in the city recently for a few days. She has gone again to Cary, Ohio, where she will spend the winter with her brother's family.

Mr. Perry Monn, residing at 1156 Francis street, is just recovering from a serious attack of typhoid pneumonia. He has been confined to the house for more than a month past.

The Ladies of Grace Church served a six o'clock dinner to the visiting members of the Rebecca Lodges who were in Fort Wayne to attend a meeting. The net receipts of the dinner will amount to about thirty-six dollars.

Mr. F. E. More and the pastor attended the annual meeting of the Ohio Synod which convened in the First Reformed church, Dayton, Ohio, on Wednesday evening, Oct. 7th. We were more than pleased that for once Grace church had a lay representative at Synod. It has been many years since this has occurred. We hope that hereafter the church will always have an elder at the annual meetings of Synod. We are sure that Mr. More enjoyed the meetings and was well repaid for going. Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Zartman were delegates to the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society, which met in the Trinity Reformed church in Dayton at the same time Synod was holding its sessions. While at Dayton we took our dinners and suppers with Dr. and Mrs. Hale, and spent the nights at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vogt. One of the pleasant surprises to us when we came to Dayton was to find that Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parks, of Glenford, Ohio, in the city to attend the Synodical meetings, and were also stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Vogt. Mrs. Vogt and Mrs. Parks are two of the pastor's sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Diffenbach from Bluffton were also guests at the home of Mr. Vogt. Having also a brother and several nephews and nieces in the city, we had a very pleasant time while at Dayton. It is always a great pleasure to meet Mr. and Mrs. Hale and to tarry with them in their own home. Dr. Hale has been the successful and beloved pastor of the First church for more than thirty-three years. There are very few such lengthy and successful pastorates.

The Rally Day Service on Oct. 4th was quite a success. The program in the morning was by the children and was very good. The Autumn decorations of wheat, corn, fruit, etc., were some of the prettiest we ever had. The young people had the program in the evening. They had a good attendance and had very good addresses.

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REV. A. ZARTMAN, Editor and Publisher

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A new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Gemmer, a baby boy. The Visitor extend congratulations.

New scholars are coming into the Sunday School almost every Sunday. There are hundreds of children in the city that are not attending Sunday School. What an opportunity to do work for the Lord!

Miss Cherril Druckenbrod has returned to Grand Rapids to complete her course in kindergarten training. She writes that her work is very interesting this year, and that she is enjoying the best of health.

John Koepf has returned to the city from Columbus, Ohio, where he has been for the past two years. He has come to remain permanently. We are all heartily glad to have him back again, and to see him at our services.

The Young People's Society is endeavoring to procure a rug for the west vestibule of the church. It is something that is badly needed. The young people need the help of the members of the church. Let every one make a small contribution. Pay your money to Irving Bitner.

The society of the Synod gave \$3,329.80 for missions last year and had \$467.15 remaining. Of this amount \$100 is apportionment money, \$64.98 is contingent money, \$215.67 is scholarship money, and \$9.50 is kindergarten money. The apportionment for the coming year for the Missionary Society of St. Joseph's classis will be \$270.54. There are 167 members. This raises the apportionment per member to \$1.62, an increase of 28 cents per member for one year, or 13½ cents a month.

The sewings at the church have not been receiving the attention that they should. We feel sure that the giving of a few days out of a month for the Lord's work will not impoverish anyone. If we expect to conduct a sale before the holidays there should be more willingness on the part of every member of the church to do something for it. A few women should not be expected to do the work of a whole church. If we expect our share of the blessing, when the day of reward comes, we must expect to make our share of the sacrifice. It should not be a sacrifice to meet in the church with pleasant company, and spend the time in sewing. The work at home will not suffer in the end. God can more than make up for all this time and work, that we give to Him. He has the power to give or to withhold. The next sewing will be held on Thursday, Nov. 5th, all day. Come early and arrange to take your supper with the Ladies of the Fourth Section. They will serve a chicken pie supper from 5 to 8 o'clock.

During the meeting of the Synod the buildings recently secured in Dayton and now occupied by the Central Theological Seminary were dedicated. Professors and students are very much pleased with the removal and new location of the Seminary. Much of the time of the Synod was occupied with the reports and work of our Missionary Boards, and our educational institutions. The Synod adjourned on Monday afternoon, Oct. 12. The place of meeting for next year has not yet been determined.

Mr. McBride, Secretary of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. at 55th street, Chicago, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers over Sunday, Nov. 1st, and will speak at Grace Church at the evening service of that day. He is a great hustler among the railroad men in Chicago, an earnest Christian man, and fine speaker. Be sure to hear him and bring your friends and neighbors with you.

Mr. Vance from Millersburg, Ind., a brother of Mrs. W. L. Hilbish, was in the city on a recent Sabbath and attended our services morning and evening. He is one of the teachers in the public schools at Millersburg.

In the early part of September Mrs. Frank Leikauf spent a week or more with her sister, Mrs. Craine, of Buffalo. Mr. Craine is captain of one of the lake boats, and they had a long cruise on the lakes and had a most delightful time.

The last Sunday evening of each month the young people will have a Mission Study on China at the regular hour for their meeting. Mrs. Zartman will conduct the study. The older members of the church are invited to attend these meetings.

The meetings of the Woman's Missionary Society held in Trinity Church, Dayton, Ohio, were well attended and the sessions were all interesting and profitable. Miss Dreibelbiss, Miss Zurfluh and Miss Ziemer were in attendance, and delivered addresses upon several occasions. The address on Sunday afternoon to women only was intensely interesting because it gave us an idea of the home life of the Chinese women.

Teach me, Lord, my true condition;
Bring me childlike to Thy knee;
Stripped of every lo ambition,
Willing to be led by Thee.

—H. E. Lyte.

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Y. P. C. E. TOPICS and LEADERS

NOVEMBER

1. Songs of the Heart, The Sleepless Watcher, Ps. 121. Raymond Close.

8. Commending our Society. By Missionary and Everlasting Zeal. Matt. 22 : 1-10. Bertha Weickart.

15. Temperance meeting. Jer. 35 : 1-19. Irving Binter.

22. Songs of the Heart. Gratitude and how to express it. Ps. 103. Nora Minor.

29. Mission Study. Isa. 2 : 1-22. Mrs. Zartman.

DECEMBER

6. Commending Our Society. By Consistent living. Jas. 3:10-18. W. A. Hobson.

LITTLE MINUTES.

We are but minutes, little things,
Each one furnished with sixty wings,
With which we fly on our unseen track,
And not a minute ever comes back.

We are but minutes, use us well,
For how we are used we must some day tell;

Who uses minutes has hours to use,
Who loses minutes whole hours must lose.

—SELECTED.

Among the many friends and old acquaintances that we met at the recent meeting of Synod was Mr. James E. Murdock, of Glenford, Ohio, who has for many years been the successful superintendent of the Sunday School at the pastor's old home church. He was confirmed in the same class of catechumens with the pastor and has ever since been one of the earnest and active workers in the old St. Paul's church. We were more than pleased to meet this brother and be with him on the floor of Synod.

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